Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting January 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on January 9, 2014, in the Dodge County Highway building.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Chester Caine, Jeff Berres, and Jeffrey Schmitt. Randy Grebel was absent. Commissioner Brian Field and County Board Chairman Russell Kottke were also present. County Administrator Jim Mielke, Patrol Superintendents Randy Franks and Joe Lechner, Shop Superintendent John Haase, Office Manager Mary Kehrmeyer, Operations Superintendent Steve Pett, and Mike Exferd of Mead & Hunt were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Caine and seconded by Schmitt to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2013: Minutes of December 5, 2013, were approved as submitted.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS: Office Manager Mary Kehrmeyer reported that the 2013 snow and ice budget is approximately \$567,000 over budget. The equipment and shop expense reports indicate increased cost savings, and the standardization of trucks and disposing of idle equipment appear to be beneficial measures improving the Department budget bottom line.

Shop Superintendent John Haase reported revenue reporting improvements, equipment checklist compliance, and thorough cleaning and greasing of equipment attribute to a better financial bottom line for our fleet.

Operations Superintendent Steve Pett reported that the outlying shop facilities are in good condition at this time. The Mayville salt storage facility is complete and functioning well. Several county highway bridges were rehabilitated and redecked successfully this season. Highway Department crews started installing epoxy sealant systems to county bridges this year as well.

East Side Patrol Superintendent Joe Lechner reported that a joint effort with Fond du Lac County for the CTH K rehabilitation project is complete and done well. The CTH DJ sloping and grading project has been completed as planned and additional work on CTH DJ will be planned for 2014. East side crews have completed ditching, seal coating, and shouldering projects. To date Dodge County has recorded 28 snow and ice reports for time and expense tracking. Prewetting salt appears to be beneficial on USH 41.

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West Side Patrol Superintendent Randy Franks reported that the CTH BI fly ash base stabilization and repaving project is complete and went very well. West side crews had a good year slope grading, shouldering, and replacing numerous pipes. Prewetting salt appears to be beneficial on USH 151.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: Mike Exferd of Mead & Hunt expressed interest in any future consulting requests for proposals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: County Board Chairman Russell Kottke reported on a recent Railroad Consortium meeting. Wisconsin Southern Railroad and the frac sand legislation concerns were reviewed.

PROJECT UPDATES: Crews have been committed to snow and ice control. Paving plans and specifications are being developed for spring bidding.

2013 SNOW AND ICE BUDGET UPDATE: The 2013 snow and ice business unit is approximately \$567,000 overdrawn due to extreme weather conditions.

CTH A TREE REPLACEMENT UPDATE: Mr. Joe Abbe of Walmart Distribution Center informed the Commissioner that Walmart will not be replacing dead trees on the CTH A right-of-way. Therefore, it is the consensus of the Committee that Department crews remove all dead trees within the county highway right-of-way adjacent to CTH A at the intersection with Hemlock Road.

WISCONSIN AVIATION FBO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: No action was taken.

REVIEW EQUIPMENT QUOTES AND CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING EQUIPMENT PURCHASES: The following quotes were received for a new 10' road widener with an alternate quote to provide an all-wheel steer option:

<u>VENDOR</u>	MAKE & MODEL	QUOTE	<u>ALTERNATE</u>
FABCO Equipment	Weiler W530	\$179,900	Add \$3,000.00
Miller-Bradford & Risberg	Midland SPD 10	\$181,211	N/A

Motion by Caine and seconded by Johnson to purchase a new Weiler W530 with the all-wheel steer option and an all-weather cab at an additional cost of \$15,000.00 for a total cost of \$197,900 from FABCO Equipment. Motion failed with Caine and Johnson voting Aye and Schmitt and Berres voting Nay. Johnson and Caine signed a resolution to this effect to be forwarded to the County Board for consideration at the January 21st meeting.

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The following quotations were received for the purchase of a new backhoe loader and compactor:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	MAKE & MODEL	QUOTE
Brooks Tractor	2013	John Deere 310SK	Does not meet spec
Brooks Tractor	2014	John Deere 310K	Does not meet spec
Aring Equipment Company	2014	Volvo BL60B	Does not meet spec
Miller-Bradford Risberg	2014	Case 580 Super N	\$92,586.00
Aring Equipment Company	2014	Volvo BL70B	\$93,600.00
FABCO Equipment	2014	Cat 420F	\$106,000.00

Three-year buy back option:

<u>VENDOR</u>	MAKE & MODEL	3-YEAR BUY BACK	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
FABCO Equipment	Cat 420F	\$73,000.00	\$33,000.00
Aring Equipment Company	Volvo BL70B	\$60,000.00	\$33,600.00

Motion by Schmitt and seconded by Berres to purchase the Volvo BL70B from Aring Equipment for \$93,600.00. Motion carried. A resolution was signed and will be forwarded to the County Board for consideration at the January 21st meeting.

APPROVE RELOCATION ORDER FOR CTH C (CTH A – JERSEY ROAD): Motion by Johnson and seconded by Caine to approve the relocation order for CTH C (CTH A – Jersey Road). Motion carried.

ASSIGN HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASING RESPONSIBILITIES: Motion by Caine and seconded by Schmitt to assign Supervisors Johnson and Caine to review and recommend offers to purchase right-of-way on CTH C (CTH A – Jersey Road) and to assign the balance of the Committee to review and approve the recommendations. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS: It was the consensus of the Committee to allow Department staff to sell the following surplus equipment through on-line auction:

#107 1993 GMC with 225,000 miles

#130 1995 Chevrolet with 285,000 miles

#350 1996 Gruetts trailer

#395 1998 DRM salt conveyor

#703 Wausau plow

VOUCHER PAYMENT REVIEW: Vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: FBO contract negotiations and outlying shop improvement projects.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. on January 15, 2014, at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

FIELD REVIEW: There was no field review.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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